

**Burrillville**

**Recreation Commission**

**RE: Minutes, January 11, 2010**

**Present: Cheri Hall, Director Juliette Lopez-Recinos**

**Al Gerew, Vice Chair Kevin H. Mazzearella, Alternate Alice Lavigne,  
Secretary David Marcotte**

**Al Low Michael Karmozyn, Liaison**

**Absent: None**

**Excused: None**

**Guests: None**

**Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Al Gerew, Vice Chair at the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, R.I.**

**Motion to accept minutes of December 14, 2009 regular meeting by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Juliette Lopez-Recinos. Motion passed 6-0.**

**Correspondence:**

**The Director reviewed with the commission the e-mail resignation received from Kurt Schatz. The Director has responded to Kurt Schatz that he will be greatly missed and wished him and his family good luck with their relocation to Virginia. Alice Lavigne recommended the commission purchase a gift for Kurt Schatz's many years of service as purchased previously for past members. The Director stated Kurt Schatz served the commission since at least 1994. His resignation and devotion to the commission will be mentioned at an upcoming Town Council meeting.**

#### **Good & Welfare:**

**Dave Marcotte stated the agenda date needs to be corrected from January 11, 2009 to January 11, 2010 and is the legal agenda. The agenda will be changed on the Town of Burrillville website and checked with the Town Clerk.**

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Skate Park & Other Playgrounds**

**The Director reported awaiting a response for the small grant application to The Trust for fybar surfacing material. The Director and the Town Manager reviewed briefly the possible relocation of the Skate Park and possible costs involved.**

**Dave Marcotte questioned that if the skate park is relocated, does this still meet the State of Rhode Island grant funding requirements. The Director stated that relocation is an acceptable alternative per the**

State of Rhode Island grant requirements but not reinstalling the skate park would conflict with the grant requirements. Michael Karmozyn stated various complaints from neighbors of the skate park were received to promote the consideration of relocating the skate park. Dave Marcotte stated when the skate park was first proposed all the pros and cons of the alternate locations were reviewed. It was decided the current location was the best location. The Director stated the problems that caused the recent dismantling of the skate park cannot happen again and this fact needs to be reiterated to the skate park users if the skate park equipment is reinstalled. A Skate Park Day could take place with the Recreation Commission and the Burrillville Police Department all showing their support. A recommendation to erect a fence surrounding the skate park has been made to make a perimeter to distinguish where the problems are and to assist in closing the facility if necessary. No decision has been made at this point with future discussion to take place.

### **Spring Lake Beach**

The Director stated that building painting is scheduled to take place once the weather allows.

### **Recreation Ordinance**

An Ordinance Workshop including Dave Marcotte, Al Low, Al Gerew and the Director has been scheduled before the next Recreation Commission on February 8, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

## **Bus Trip**

**A flyer was distributed to the commission regarding the upcoming department fundraiser bus trip to Foxwoods Casino scheduled for March 20, 2010.**

## **Men's Softball**

**The Director conferred with the Town Manager regarding the denial to award a permit for the upcoming season to Burrillville Men's Softball due to the ongoing problems including the refusal to return keys. The Town Manager agreed with the permit denial. Al Gerew questioned if the field use fees were paid. The Director stated the field use fees were eventually paid to date. It was recommended that any prior correspondence with Men's Softball noting the problems should be forwarded to the Town Council if necessary. The problems caused by Men's Softball were reviewed by the commission. Al Low requested a copy of the previous permit information and correspondence be forwarded to the commission.**

**Alice Lavigne made a motion that a letter be sent to Burrillville Men's Softball alerting them that their field permit has been revoked for the 2010 season due to rules and regulations not being met. Seconded by Al Low. Motion passed 6-0.**

## **New Business:**

### **Pitch Program**

**The Director reported a new Pitch program has begun on Tuesdays**

with 23 participants and 4 substitute players. This has increased the numbers attending the lunch program. The seniors have requested playing BINGO on Thursdays but until volunteers takeover the existing programs, another program will have to wait. A couple of volunteers will take over running the meal site next week.

### **C.I.P. & Operating Budgets**

The Director distributed a copy of the budget requests for Parks and Recreation, Spring Lake Beach and Burrillville Extended Care to the commission for review. Spring Lake and Burrillville Extended are level funded with minimal changes. The Burrillville Extended Care budget request is formatted in Excel versus Munis due a computer conflict. There has been a decrease in revenues and staffing due to enrollment reductions due to the economy. The figures for payroll on the Profit and Loss Statement are not accurate due to awaiting updates from the auditors.

On the Parks and Recreation budget request, league budgets are being phased out by 2015 but the Town Council may decide not to continue the phasing out process.

Spring Lake Beach budget requests include phasing out of the Non-resident family pass. It was found last year with the late start in July due to the weather, non-resident family passes were down with only 134 non-resident family passes sold compared to 211 the previous year. This produced higher revenues overall with the

**non-resident daily admissions being increased. This elimination of the non-resident pass would allow for the discontinuation of the \$5,000 transfer from the general fund to Spring Lake Beach since compensation would not be necessary. Grant compliance of not charging more than twice for non-resident admission than resident admission would also be met. The non-resident pass would just not be offered and would assist in solving problems with these passes. It is recommended to change the fee structure from children under 2 free to children who are not of walking age being free.**

### **League Joint Meeting**

**The leagues will be invited to a joint meeting with the commission in March 2010.**

**Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Dave Marcotte. Seconded by Juliette Lopez-Recinos. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Motion Passed 6-0.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., Burrillville Parks & Recreation Office, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, RI 02859.**

**Recorded by**

**Carol L. Conway**

**Administrative Aide**

**Burrillville Parks & Recreation Department**

